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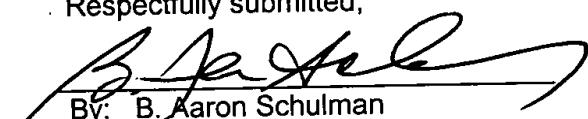
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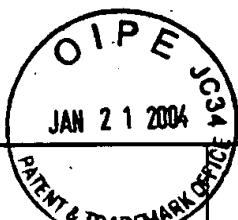
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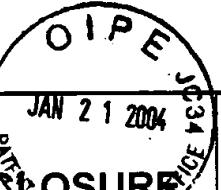
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--|------------------|
|                   | 1977-056869                     | 05/10/1977               | JAPAN   | See enclosed translation of Japanese Office Action in priority application 1998-332782 dated October 29, 2003; and translation of Office Action in corresponding Korean application 10-2001-7006453 dated November 26, 2003. |                  |
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## List of publications

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